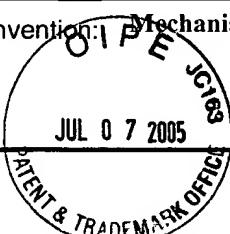

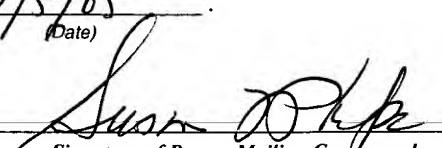
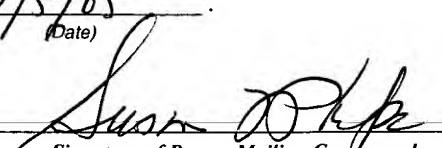
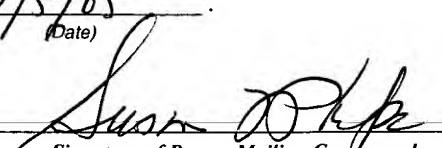


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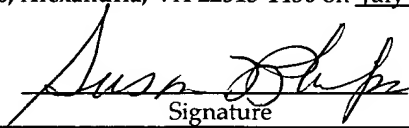
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In response to the Office Action dated May 4, 2005, applicants respond herein. No changes are made to applicants' claims. A listing of applicants' claims is provided on the following page. Reasons for the traversal of the rejection are found on the page following the listing of the claims as they currently stand.